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In the application of:
Seres et al.

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For: PROTECTIVE DEVICE FOR
DISPENSING DEVICES

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

The Applicant hereby requests this amendment be entered into and considered in the above-identified application.

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Please amend the claims as follows:

Sub C1 1. (twice-amended) A protective device for dispensing devices which have a document feed path opening for dispensing printed documents, said protective device comprising:
means for covering at least the document feed path opening of the dispensing device to minimize environmental contamination of the dispensing device;
means for providing access to documents dispensed from the dispensing device;
[means] a hood having a top portion forming an enclosure over the document feed path opening and opening into said means for providing access; and